

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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INDIAN NATIONALS IN OVERSEAS PRISONS

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Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of India nationals imprisoned or incarcerated in prisons in other countries, State-wise, country-wise; and
- (b) the number of incarcerated Indian nationals who are under-trials i.e. are in prison pending trial, State-wise, country-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) As per the information available with the Ministry, the number of Indian prisoners, including under-trials, in foreign prisons at present is 10,152. Country-wise list is placed at Annexure A.
- (b) As per the information available with the Ministry, the number of Indian under-trials, in foreign prisons at present is 2,684. Country-wise list is placed at Annexure B.

However, due to strong privacy laws prevailing in many countries, the local authorities do not share information on prisoners unless the person concerned consents to the disclosure of such information. Even countries which share information do not generally provide detailed information about the foreign nationals imprisoned.

Annexure A

Sr. No.	Country	Total number of Indians under trail and convicted in Foreign Jails
1	Afghanistan	8
2	Angola	2
3	Argentina	1
4	Armenia	39
5	Australia	27
6	Azerbaijan	10
7	Bahrain	181
8	Bangladesh	4
9	Belarus	9
10	Belgium	1
11	Bhutan	69
12	Brunei Darussalam	6
13	Cambodia	22
14	Canada	23
15	Chile	1
16	China	173
17	Congo	5
18	Cote d' Ivoire	14
19	Croatia	3
20	Cuba	2
21	Cyprus	21
22	Denmark	1
23	Egypt	1
24	Ethiopia	4
25	France	45
26	Georgia	45
27	Germany	25
28	Guatemala	2
29	Guinea	2
30	Indonesia	21
31	Iran	18
32	Iraq	1
33	Ireland	5

34	Israel	4
35	Italy	168
36	Jamaica	1
37	Japan	6
38	Jordan	28
39	Kazakhstan	3
40	Kenya	4
41	Kuwait	387
42	Kyrgyzstan	4
43	Laos	6
44	Lebanon	2
45	Lithuania	1
46	Madagascar	1
47	Malawi	1
48	Malaysia	338
49	Maldives	10
50	Mali	1
51	Malta	5
52	Mauritius	10
53	Mexico	1
54	Morocco	2
55	Mozambique	5
56	Myanmar	27
57	Nepal	1317
58	Nigeria	3
59	North Macedonia	5
60	Oman	148
61	Pakistan	266
62	Philippines	44
63	Poland	7
64	Qatar	611
65	Republic of Korea	4
66	Russia	27
67	Rwanda	3
68	Saudi Arabia	2633
69	Senegal	5
70	Serbia	4

71	Singapore	92
72	South Africa	8
73	Spain	34
74	Sri Lanka	98
75	Switzerland	1
76	Tajikistan	1
77	Thailand	37
78	Trinidad and Tobago	1
79	Turkiye	3
80	UAE	2518
81	Uganda	11
82	United Kingdom	288
83	USA	169
84	Uzbekistan	3
85	Vietnam	4
86	Zimbabwe	1
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Annexure B

Sr. No.	Country	Number of Indian under-trials in Foreign Jails
1	Afghanistan	8
2	Angola	2
3	Armenia	33
4	Australia	10
5	Azerbaijan	3
6	Bahrain	144
7	Bangladesh	4
8	Belarus	8
9	Bhutan	8
10	Cambodia	20
11	China	95
12	Congo	5
13	Cote d' Ivoire	11
14	Croatia	2
15	Cuba	2
16	Cyprus	2
17	Ethiopia	2
18	France	45
19	Georgia	21
20	Germany	1
21	Guatemala	1
22	Guinea	2
23	Iran	14
24	Iraq	1
25	Ireland	2
26	Israel	1
27	Italy	58
28	Jordan	20
29	Kazakhstan	3
30	Kenya	2
31	Kuwait	50
32	Kyrgyzstan	3
33	Laos	4
34	Lebanon	1
35	Lithuania	1
36	Madagascar	1
37	Malaysia	121
38	Maldives	5
39	Mali	1
40	Malta	4
41	Mauritius	8
42	Mozambique	1

43	Myanmar	6
44	Nigeria	3
45	North Macedonia	3
46	Oman	69
47	Pakistan	27
48	Philippines	44
49	Poland	2
50	Qatar	123
51	Republic of Korea	2
52	Russia	8
53	Rwanda	1
54	Saudi Arabia	1226
55	Senegal	5
56	Serbia	3
57	Singapore	40
58	South Africa	1
59	Sri Lanka	44
60	Switzerland	1
61	Thailand	23
62	Trinidad and Tobago	1
63	Turkiye	3
64	UAE	294
65	Uganda	5
66	UK	9
67	USA	10
68	Uzbekistan	1
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